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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Re: Reply Comments regarding DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340;  
RM-11683

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am a registered nurse in Appalachia Ohio and I have seen firsthand the impact technology has had in helping address many of the medical issues my patients encounter. Perhaps one of the greatest advances in medicine has been the ability to immediately access information to help understand, diagnose and treat many of the issues we face.

The proposal of a national broadband network appeals to not only myself, but the vast majority of Ohioans located in Appalachia Ohio. While many of the larger businesses, including hospitals, have access to an expensive broadband network, smaller medical facilities or mobile medical efforts have little if no access to a reliable broadband network.

LightSquared's proposed network will allow doctor's offices, emergency medical providers and medical professionals providing house calls the opportunity to access necessary information at the palm of their hand. Mobile technology has become as much a part of the medical field as chemistry and biology. The approval of LightSquared's modified application helps strengthen the tools of the medical field.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Lynn Immell, RN

cc: Senator Sherrod Brown  
Senator Rob Portman  
Speaker John Boehner  
Congressman Bob Latta  
Congressman David Joyce